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APPLICANTS : RAINER KROPKE ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/376,794  
FILED : August 18, 1999  
FOR : COSMETIC AND DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS  
WITH A CONTENT OF CHITOSAN AND PHOSPHOLIPIDS  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

C' --12. A method of rendering non-tacky a cosmetic or dermatologic preparation comprising chitosan, the chitosan having an average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 2,000,000 g/mol and a degree of deacylation of from 10 to 99%, said method comprising